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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER ON TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH NATO AND ARABS
AFTER AID CUT-OFF

1. IN INTERVIEW WITH GERMAN TELEVISION, WHICH GIVEN WIDE
PLAY IN MARCH 5 TURKISH PRESS, FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL
STRESSED TURKEY'S CONTINUED TIES TO NATO WHILE INDICATING
THAT AID CUT-OFF HAD STRENGTHENED GOT RELATIONS WITH
ARAB NATIONS.

2. ESENBEL STATED THAT U.S. "UNILATERAL DECISION" TO CUT
OFF AID HAS NOT CAUSED TURKEY TO ENVISAGE LEAVING THE NATO
ALLIANCE BUT HAS INFLICTED A WOUND WHICH WILL TAKE LONG
TO HEAL. NOTING THAT "THE U.S.A. HAS LOST A LOT IN
TURKEY", ESENBEL SAID THAT TURKEY WILL LOOK FOR A

NATO SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IF THE U.S. DOES NOT
REVOKE THE AID CUT-OFF.

3. ESENBEL POINTED TO TURKEY'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HER
RELATIONS WITH ARAB NATIONS AND SPOKE OF HER SPECIAL
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RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND IRAQ. "TURKEY AND ARABS HAVE

ALWAYS SUIPORTED ONE ANOTHER INTHE U.N. ON THE MIDDLE
EAST QUESTION; WE ARE EXPECTING THEIR SUPPORT ON CYPRUS;
AND WE WILL GIVE SUPPORT TO THEIR CONCERNS", ESENBEL IS
QUOTED AS STATING.
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